Unutilized funds under national programme for women's education

3402. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation of Rs. 160 crore under National Programme for Women's Education in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 remained totally unutilized;

(b) if so, what was the percentage of non-utilization of funds in 2001-2002;

(c) what are the reasons for hundred per cent non-utilization;

(d) whether it is a fact that the percentage of non-utilization of BE allocations under Mahila Samakhya in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is around 22 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA] : (a) to (c) The B.E. provision of Rs. 160 crores each in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and Rs. 10 crores in 2001-2002 for the National Programme for Women's Education could not be utilized due to non-operationalisation of the scheme. Due to bifurcation of the erstwhile Department of Education into two separate Departments, it became necessary to formulate a separate scheme for the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy. A revised scheme, renamed as "National Programme for the Education for Girls at the elementary Level" is presently being formulated and is proposed to be implemented within the framework of Sarva ShikshaAbhiyan (SSA).

(d) and (e) the percentage of non-utilization of B.E. provision under Mahila Samakhya to the extent of 22% in 1999-2000 and 13% during 2000-2001 was mainly due to the delay in finalizing the enhancement in the honorarium of Mahila Samakhya personnel, which was approved in February, 2002.